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1. The King Theater in Rangoon, which is currently exhibiting Russian and Chinese Communist films, is owned by the Sooratee Bara Bazaar Company of Rangoon. Two years ago, this Company leased the King Theater to Banasari Lall for a period of twenty years. The terms of the agreement involved the down payment of one lakh of kyats, and kyats 3,000 per month.
2. Lall sublet for an unspecified time to U BA THAUNG, an ex-convict formerly serving a life sentence for murder. BA THAUNG and the Soviet Embassy in Rangoon pay Lall a combined total of kyats 2,750 per week, the major portion of which is borne by the Soviet Embassy.²

1. [REDACTED] Comment. A lakh is equal to 100,000. At the current rate of exchange, one kyat is equal to US \$0.21.

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the Soviet Embassy had rented the King Theater for rupees 12,000 (at the time, a rupee was worth about US \$0.25) as of 1 June 1952 and had agreed to share 50 percent of the advertising charges bought under the name of the Eastern Film Company.

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